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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants,  
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\* For the convenience of the Examiner, a completed Form  
PTO-1449, listing these documents, is attached.

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This Statement is being within three months of the application filing date. Accordingly, no payment of fees is required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1).

Applicants respectfully request that these documents be (1) considered by the Examiner prior to issuance of any patent from this application; and (2) printed on any patent that may issue from this application. Applicants also

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